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SUBJ: FAHMY ADDRESS ON PEACE PROCESS

SUMMARY: FAHMY ADDRESS BREAKS LITTLE NEW GROUND. US WORKING
PAPER ON ADVANCE BUT EGYPT NOT COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING ANYONE
ELSE'S VISUALIZATION. SUPERPOWERS CAN NOT IMPOSE SETTLEMENT.
EGYPTIAN REPLY DELIVERED; ARAB UNITY STRONG. PLO SOLE PALES-
TINIAN SPOKESMAN AND ACTING RESPONSIBLY. ISRAEL ATTEMPTING
DODGE PACE. EVENTS MOVING ARAB WAY. PRES CARTER DETERMINED PUR-
SUE PEACE. END SUMMARY

1. US ADVANCE. FAHMY'S ADDRESS TO PA, FOREIGN, ARAB AND
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES, AS REPORTED BY CAIRO RADIO
AT 1330 LOCAL, OCT 19, REPORTEDLY BROKE LITTLE NEW GROUND
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ON DETAILS PEACE PROCESS FONMIN EMPHASIZED AMERICAN "IDEAS"
SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION, NOTED EGYPT ALREADY HAS ASKED
US SIDE FOR CERTAIN AMENDMENTS. DESPITE THIS, FAHMY SAID IDEAS
REPRESENT "ADVANCED STEP FORWARD." STILL, AS SADAT RECENTLY
OBSERVED, EGYPT NOT COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING ANY OTHER PARTY'S
VISUALIZATION EXCEPT INsofar AS THIS AGREES WITH ARAB
INTERESTS.

2. INDEPENDENCE. FURTHER, FAHMY SATED EGYPT NOT BOUND BY ANY PLEDGES GIVEN BY ANY COUNTRY TO ISRAEL. SIMILARLY, HE MAINTAINED THAT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS ARE LIMITED TO EXPRESSION OF THEIR VIEWS, WHICH REFLECT SUPERPOWERS' OWN INTERESTS AND SELF-VISUALIZATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED EGYPT HAS ITS OWN INTEREST AND ITS OWN WILL. REGARDLESS OF SUPERPOWERS' VIEWS, THEY CAN NOT UNILATERALLY DECIDE "OUR FUTURE OR INFLUENCE OUR RIGHTS."

3. UNITY. WHILE STRESSING EGYPTIAN DESIRE FOR UNIFIED ARAB STAND, FAHMY NOTED EGYPT'S ANSWER TO AMENDED WORKING PAPER ALREADY GIVEN TO USG. HE LIMITED HIS DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT TO NOTING IT PROVIDES FOR UNIFIED ARAB DEL AT INITIAL SESSION, IN WHICH "PALESTINIAN BROTHERS" WILL PARTICIPATE, FOLLOWING WHICH PARTIES WILL BREAK INTO SUBCOMMITTEES. SAID DJBEED # WORKING PAPER COVERING "PROCEDURAL ASPECTS FOR RESUMING GENEVA CONF" STILL BEING STUDIED WITH "ARAB BRETHREN AND YASSIR ARAFAT" (DESPITE EARLIER NOTATION THAT GOE REPLY SUBMITTED).

4. PLO. ON PLO, FAHMY SAID PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE CHOSES IT AS "CONTAINER FOR THEIR STRUGGLE" AND AS EXPRESSING THEIR WILL, HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS. PLO IS SOLE SPOKESMAN FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RABAT RESOLUTIONS. CLAIMED RECENT PLO ACTIONS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT ORGANIZATION IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FULLY CAPABLE OF SHOULDERING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND HAVE PROVED ITS ABILITY TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND RATIONALLY.

5. NOT SO WITH ISRAEL. FAHMY MAINTAINED ISRAEL CREATED THEATRICAL UPROAR OVER US-USSR JOINT STATEMENT, EVEN THOUGH THIS CONTAINED NO ELEMENT WHICH COULD CAUSE ISRAEL PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES. CLAIMED AMBIGUITIES IN JOINT STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH ISRAEL, PREVIOUSLY, ALWAYS INSISTED ON IN MATTERS DEALING WITH ME. ACCORDING FAHMY, ISRAEL CONJURING UP FLIMSY EXCUSES TO DODGE FACING PEACE. SAID IF ISREAL WANT TO "TEST OUR WILL WE ARE READY TO MEET IN ANY FIELD." ARABS "KNOW HOW TO TAKE UP CHALLENGE AND CUT HER TO NATURAL SIZE, REGARDLESS OF HER DREAMS".

6. ARAB CAUSE UP. FAHMY CONCLUDED RECENT EVENTS HIGHLY FAVORABLE ARAB CAUSE. IN NEW YORK, NON-ALIGNED AND ISLAMIC GROUPS ISSUED WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE EXTREMELY POWERFUL SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS. EUROPEANS TOO, SUPPORTING ARAB CAUSE, WHILE AMERICA'S STAND CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVING. PRESSURES HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED IN DIVERTING US PRES FROM ME PROBLEM. FONMIN STATED THAT AS RESULT HIS CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON IT CLEAR PRES CARTER DETERMINED PLAY POSITIVE AND CON-

STRUCTIVE ROLE DESPITE CHALLENGES. US ADMINISTRATION FEELS
THERE IS REAL CHANCE OF BRING ABOUT PEACE AND CHANCE MUST
BE SEIZED. ADMINISTRATION RECOGNIZES PALESTINIAN ISSUE IS
CORE OF PROBLEM AND KNOWS THAT UNLESS IT RESOLVED THERE
WILL BE NO SETTLEMENT.
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